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OK I'm in my office today or would you like it to be in yours?

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Gina,

My understanding was we were not required to do peer review for the report but we did go ahead and have it reviewed by 4 people.

At this stage to go back and reclassify will take alot of work and effort. I do not think we can accomplish this by Wednesday November 7th.

We need to talk today in order to determine the path forward.

Thanks.

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Hello Mike and Sheila,

Now I can get into the Science Inventory database. The Yakima Nitrates project has the record number: 242089 and it is not complete. We need to update it. I was told that this project is influential as hundreds of household drinking water were involved and potentially may have impacted their health. Would you believe that this is the only entry for R10 for FY12 (possible because Martha left in March and we never paid attention to peer review until about a month ago).

Anyway, to comply with OMB requirements, please complete the attached Peer Review checklist ASAP or before COB 11/7/12. Also, please provide the reviewer's comments and EPA responses, plus the pdf of the final report. I am still playing and trying to get used to the database, so I may need more info in the near future.

Thank you very much - and don't hate me.

[attachment "US EPA Peer Review Checklist Draft Version 1.0.docx" deleted by Michael Cox/R10/USEPA/US]

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